Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Nov 2021 at 11:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for decidedly wintry conditions over the next couple of days and for a transition to less cold weather through early next week. Some uncertainty in the details of snowfall on Friday, however.

Headline for Friday 26 Nov 2021: Winter conditions. Bitterly cold, frequent snowfall and dangerous winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Nov 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
90%	70%	70%	70%	80%	90%	60%	50%

Forecast for Friday 26 Nov 2021

Weather: Cold northwest winds will bring frequent and heavy snow showers across all ranges through morning and these are likely to merge into several hours of snowfall through late afternoon and evening. Snow will fall across all areas above around 200-300m, with lower levels and coasts seeing rain, sleet or hail.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% early and late, otherwise almost no chance.

Visibility: Fleeting cloud breaks through morning and later in the evening will afford some distant views of nearby ranges but otherwise, visibility will be highly variable. Passing snow showers, and later more persistent snowfall will lead to blizzard conditions and almost no visibility. Cloud bases as low as 300m at times, and widely extensive above 500m from late morning. Cloud breaking through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	45/58 W	34/46 NW	34/44 NW	38/50 NW	42/57 NW	52/69 N	53/72 N	43/59 N	35/49 N
900	43/56 W	33/44 NW	32/42 NW	36/48 NW	40/55 NW	49/67 N	50/69 N	39/54 N	32/46 N
600	30/43 W	23/35 NW	21/31 NW	26/38 NW	29/43 NW	36/53 N	39/58 N	28/44 N	23/38 N
300	13/44 W	11/37 NW	9/33 NW	10/39 NW	14/45 NW	16/55 N	16/56 N	11/43 N	9/38 N
Glen	22/42 W	16/33 NW	15/32 NW	19/39 NW	23/46 NW	23/50 N	25/55 N	21/45 N	17/39 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-9	-1/-10	-3/-12	-4/-14	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-15	-5/-16	-5/-15
900	1/-8	-0/-8	-2/-10	-3/-13	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14
600	3/-3	2/-5	0/-6	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-9	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9
300	5/2	4/0	2/-1	1/-2	1/-5	1/-4	0/-5	1/-3	0/-4
Glen	8/4	7/3	5/1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-1	4/-3	4/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	1100m	800m	600m	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Serious winter conditions. Wind speeds up to 90mph are possible on the most exposed ground. Mean speeds shown at 300m and below look too low by 10-20mph.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Weather: A cold, snowy and perhaps icy start. Northerly winds continue to feed very cold air across the ranges, with snow showers developing across the Atlantic and spreading south, but with some longer bright or sunny spells between these. Strong winds will slowly ease through afternoon and showers will become isolated through evening. Best shelter towards Glens Affric and Shiel. Snow will affect all levels away from coasts.

Maximum wind: North 30-40 gusting 50mph initially, easing to 20-25 gusting 35mph through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Visibility: Marked changes through the day as snow showers bring visibility down to near zero and areas of cloud descent to 200-400m, but these will pass quickly with decent breaks in between. Long clear spells into the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing.
At 800m: Around minus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 100-200m.

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